SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) A quantum of 4 TMC has been allotted by the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal towards the Dudhganga Irrigation Project of Karnataka.

(*b*) The detailed canal surveys are under progress and these details will be know after the surveys are completed.

Bus Stand at Krishnarajanagar

886. SRI H. VISWANATH (Krishnarajanagar).— Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state :-

(*a*) the reason for not completing the construction of bus stand at Krishnarajanagar though it was started long back ;

(*b*) the time still required to complete the building in order to provide adequate shelter to the travelling public ;

(*c*) Whether construction work of the building would be completed as early as possible ;

(*d*) whether the maintenance of toilet room and sanitation in the bus station is the responsibility of transport Corporation or that of Municipality ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Minister for Transport and Tourism),—

(*a*) The construction work of the bus stand could not be completed due to some dispute between K.S.R.T.C. and Krishnarajanagar Municipality regarding the site, and also due to the fact that the contractor failed to execute the work in time, However the construction work of the Bus Stand is in the stage of early completion.

(*b*) About two months time is required.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) That of K.S.R.T.C.

Supply of Medicines and Drugs to Hospital

1079. SRI K.S. KALAMARI GOWDA (Periyapatna).— Will the Minister for Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state :-

(*a*) the reasons why rate contract drugs has not so far been fixed this year when the tenders were called for in the month of April 1978 ;

(*b*) whether Government is aware that there is acute shortage of medicines and drugs in many hospitals in the State ;

(*c*) the reasons why no arrangements have been made so far for the supply of medicines and drugs to such hospitals ?

SRI M. MALLAPPA (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—

(*a*) Rate Contract for supply of drugs for the year 1978-79 has already been fixed.

(*b*) There is no shortage of drugs and medicines in the Hospital in the State.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to Clause B.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister for Education)—Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Finance, I beg to lay on the Table:

Notification No. FD 110 CSL 78 dated 1st August 1978. regarding exemption of purchase tax payable in sugarcane purchased by Sugar factories in the State under section 39 of the Karnataka Sales Tax Act 1957.

MR. SPEAKER—The paper is laid.

Calling Attention to matter of urgent public importance.

(*i*) *re. Discrimination made between SC/ST and BC's in the appointment of Local Candidates.*

MR. SPEAKER—The Hon. Minister for PWD is not in head quarters. Therefore, the first call attention notice will be held over.

SRI S. S. ARAKERI (Balloli)—I call the artention of the Chief Minister to the discrimination made between SCs/STs and BCs regarding appointment of local candidates.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister)—I wish to make the following statement.

The Karnataka State Civil Services (Direct Recruitment of SCs. STs. and BTs. to Class III Posts) (Special) Rules 1977 which have come into force on 3rd March 1977 provide for regular recruitment of persons belonging to SCs. STs. and BTs. who have or had been appointed as local candidates to Class III Posts on or after 1st April 1972 and before these rules came into force. Persons appointed temporarily for fixed period or for any items of works among others are excluded from the term "Local candidate" as defined under clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of the rules.